

5. If the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party, after carrying out a ramp inspection, find that:

- (a) an aircraft or the operation of an aircraft does not comply with the minimum standards established at that time pursuant to the Convention; and/or
- (b) there is a lack of effective maintenance and administration of safety standards established at that time pursuant to the Convention,

the aeronautical authorities of that Contracting Party may, for the purposes of Article 33 of the Convention and at their discretion, determine that the requirements under which the certificates or licences in respect of that aircraft or its crew members had been issued or rendered valid, or that the requirements under which that aircraft is operated, are not equal to or above the minimum standards established pursuant to the Convention. This same determination may be made in the case of denial of access for ramp inspection.

6. The aeronautical authorities of each Contracting Party shall have the right to withhold, revoke, suspend or impose conditions on the authorizations of an airline of the other Contracting Party, without consultation, in the event the aeronautical authorities of the first Contracting Party conclude that immediate action is essential to the safety of airline operations.

7. Any action by the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party in accordance with paragraphs 3 or 6 above shall be discontinued once the basis for the taking of that action ceases to exist.

ARTICLE 8

Aviation Security

1. Consistent with their rights and obligations under international law, the Contracting Parties reaffirm that their obligation to each other to protect the security of civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference forms an integral part of this Agreement.

2. Without limiting the generality of their rights and obligations under international law, the Contracting Parties shall act in conformity with the provisions of the *Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft*, done at Tokyo on 14 September 1963, the *Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft*, done at The Hague on 16 December 1970, the *Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation*, done at Montreal on 23 September 1971, the *Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation*, done at Montreal on 24 February 1988, as well as with any other convention and protocol relating to the security of civil aviation which both Contracting Parties adhere to.

3. The Contracting Parties shall provide upon request all necessary assistance to each other to prevent acts of unlawful seizure of civil aircraft and other unlawful acts against the safety of such aircraft, their passengers and crew members, airports and air navigation facilities, and any other threat to the security of civil aviation.